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- 1. The 486 KNOJ Border Guard Brigade, which has its headquarters in Skoplje, is responsible for guarding the Yugoslav-Greek border and the Macedonian sections of the Yugoslav-Albanian and Yugoslav-Bulgarian borders. The Commanding Officer of the Brigade was Lieutenant Colonel Omer Mrgan, and the Political Commissar was a Major Zorica.
- The 85 KNOJ Border Guard Battalion, a part of the 486 KNOJ Brigade, had its headquarters in Konopiste. Informant knew of the following persons assigned to the battalion:
  - Major Ciril Joze Godec, Commanding Officer
  - b. Captain Dushan Ivanic, assistant to Godec
  - Captain Trivo Acic, Political Commissar c.
  - Second Lieutenant Mitar Vukobrad, Chief of KOS (Counter-Intelligence d. Service)
  - e. Sergeant Drago, assistant to Vukobrad
- 3. The headquarters of 1 (or 11) Company of the 85 KNOJ Battalion was in Majdan; the headquarters of 2 (or 12) Company was in Rudnik, and the headquarters of 3 (or 13) Company was in Konopiste.
- The 2 Company had about 130 men, of which 16 were assigned to the headquarters in Rudnik. First Lieutenent Merko Petrovic was the Commanding Officer, Second Lieutenant Milan Nikolic was the Political Commissar, and Sergeant Trailovic was the leader of the Youth Organisation. The 2 Company had three platoons. The leader of the 1 Platoon was Second Lieutenant Ratko Rabrenovic. leader of the 2 Platoon was Warrant Officer Dragoslav Nikolic, and leader of the 3 Platoon was Mioljub Bogdanovic.

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- 5. The 2 Company was responsible for seven blockhouses:
  - a. Blatec, which had two ll-man groups. The leader of one group was Sergeant Milosh Antic, and the leader of the second group was Sergeant Gworden Ilic. The 1 Platoon was responsible for this blockhouse.
  - b. Golubac, which had 15 men led by Sergeant Kadija Kadic. The 1 Platoon was responsible for this blockhouse.
  - c. Dudica, which had 14 men led by Sergeant Dragoljub Cikarevic. The 2 Platoon was responsible for this blockhouse.
  - d. Dudice Koliba, which had 15 men led by Sergeant Dragoljub Ilic. The 2 Flatoon was responsible for this blockhouse.
  - e. Sharenka, which had 15 men led by a Sergeant known as Demo. The 2 Platoon was responsible for this blockhouse.
  - f. Porta, which had 15 men. The 3 Platoon was responsible for this blockhouse.
  - g. Jezero Kraljevic Marka, which had 15 men. The 3 Platoon was responsible for this blockhouse.
- 6. The headquarters of the 3 Company was in Konopiste. The Commanding Officer was Captain Milan Gakovic.
- 7. About 50 percent of the men of the 85 KNOJ Border Guard Battalion were members of, or candidates for membership in, the Communist Party. Seven of the 16 men in the headquarters of 2 Company were Communist Party members or candidates for membership. The remainder were anti-Communists.
- 8. After the escape of Mijo Horvat on 16 July 1951, KOS Second Lieutenant Mitar Vukobrad conducted an investigation along the border area and about 100 meters inside Greek territory. Vukobrad reportedly concluded that Horvat escaped to Greece voluntarily and that he had not been kidnapped by Greek border guards. Vukobrad told the men at the Dudice blockhouse that he would learn within ten days whether Horvat escaped to Greece or was seized.
- 9. On 17 July 1951 a meeting of all of the officers of the 85 KNOJ Battalion was held in Konopiste. At the meeting the officers discussed the reason for Horvat's escape and the countermeasures that should be taken. One of the decisions was to have Second Lieutenant Vukobrad hold meetings at each of the blockhouses. At the meetings Vukobrad told the men that if Horvat went to Greece voluntarily, he will be returned by the Greek authorities and he will be tried by a military court.
- 10. Following the meeting on 17 July, an order was given that all guard posts be manned by two men. This order was revoked after a few days.
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